

I am deeply saddened, outraged, and I feel cheated by your organization regarding the state of our Conservative-owned deregulated media. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. It's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. It is fortunate that the Kerry Campaign has taken a higher road in this smear campaign, and your conservative-controlled institution has done nothing to regulate, nor check the accuracy and fairness that is lacking from the so-called news sources. I also find it ironic that you would find a news station for exposure of an R&B singer's breast, yet at one time networks were going to air "The Lingerie Bowl.", yet there were not statements from your commission, nor from the Neo-Tories who claim to stand for morals and family values.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We must provide a GENUINE Fair and Balanced media, to reflect the views of the entire public sector. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.